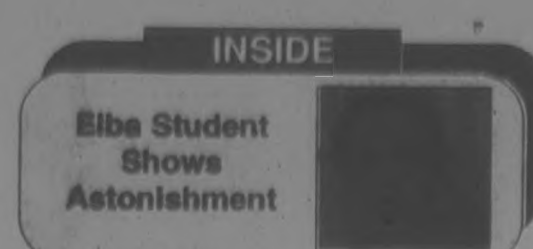


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Elba coucil approves complete new guidelines for fire department

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Last week the Elba City Council completed their work and officially approved new policies and procedures for the Elba volunteer fire department.

Mayor James Grimes said he had worked closely with the fire department officers and with other city officials to ensure this was workable and acceptable to all parties.

Included is a two page job description for the fire chief and a much longer and more detailed set of policies and procedures for the entire department.

Mayor Grimes asked a council member planning to attend the statewide meeting of the League of Municipalities to serve as the voting delegate for Elba. However no member indicated plans to attend the May

meeting in Birmingham.

Grimes reported to the council that revenue continues to outstrip budget projections, a strong indication that the national recession is over and business on the upswing.

Sales tax income is 13% above projections while tobacco tax is 39% over projections. However several expense items are also higher than expected. This includes office expenses, appropriations and police.

Coming in under budget for the first six months of they year were the fire department, recreation department and debt retirement. They were joined by the street department, but only by a \$291 under budget margin.

The debt retirement numbers are misleading and should only be measured on an annual basis to fully assess expenditures.

Town hall meeting set for Tuesday, April 6, in Elba

The Elba Downtown Redevelopment Committee, City of Elba and Elba Chamber of Commerce will again be welcoming Dr. Cheryl Morgan to Elba.

Dr. Morgan will lead a Town Meeting that will focus on plans for the revitalization of the downtown area. As a professor in the College of Architecture at Auburn University, Dr. Morgan works with the Center for Architecture and Urban Studies in Birmingham to help direct communities across the state with their revitalization efforts.

Since the last town meeting, Dr. Morgan has been working on a preliminary plan that will detail specific ideas to help boost enthusiasm within the community by redeveloping the downtown area, which will in turn encourage tourism to Elba.

The final product that will be provided to Elba citizens from the Center for Architecture and Urban Studies will be a set of

posters that will be distributed to each Elba household. The poster will show specific things that must be done in order to fulfill the plan that is decided on by the community.

The upcoming meeting will be held at the Elba High School auditorium Tuesday, April 6, at 7 p.m. All Elba citizens are encouraged to attend.

Bill and JoAnn Driggers stand outside The Ranch House Cafeteria. The couple have owned and operated the local restaurant since April 1, 1978.

Local restaurant enters 26th year of business today

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Looking back through the years, Bill and JoAnn Driggers are reminded of many fond memories, but this week has been very special for the couple as they celebrate the anniversary of becoming business owners.

Twenty-six years ago today (April 1, 1978) the Driggers became the owners/operators of The Ranch House Cafeteria.

"I didn't know anything about cooking," Bill said in regards to becoming a restaurant owner. "It was all new to me."

JoAnn echoed his remark: saying some customers have been coming so long, they're like family.

Of course, the most recognizable menu item for The Ranch House has always been the barbecue.

"People associate The Ranch House with the barbecue," Bill said. "That Ranch House barbecue."

Originally, The Ranch House only served barbecue on Saturday but that changed a long time ago, and it's served on a daily basis now.

The Ranch House serves a full breakfast and lunch Monday through Saturday and also offers a catering service.

Although the restaurant has remained in the same location throughout the past 26 years, it will not be that way for too much longer.

The four-laning of U.S. Highway 84 will force changes, and once that project is complete the "new" road will travel through the land now occupied by The Ranch House building.

Based on information from state officials, the Driggers said they hope to remain in the current location through the end of the year, but that has yet to be officially determined.

So, what about the future of The Ranch House?

Regardless, he learned the trade, and today, he does most of the cooking with his work day beginning around 3 a.m. each morning to cook the biscuits for breakfast.

Bill said he could tell a lot of stories from the years at The Ranch House, but some of his fondest memories come from getting to know the customers.

Both he and JoAnn smile as they think of all the families that have remained loyal customers throughout the years.

"We've enjoyed a lot of different people and enjoyed meeting them all," Bill said. "Really, it's been a fun time for me."

JoAnn echoed his remark: saying some customers have been coming so long, they're like family.

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SERVICE WITH A SMILE...JoAnn Driggers carries on a conversation with longtime Ranch House customer Harold Spicer while her husband, Bill Driggers, fixes Spicer's lunch plate. Both Bill and JoAnn said getting to know the customers has led to some of their fondest memories throughout the years.

"There's going to be a Ranch House somewhere in Elba," JoAnn said.

Although they haven't decided on a definite plan, Bill said he certainly has no plans to quite work.

The Driggers agree the restaurant has been successful beyond their dreams, and they look forward to continued service.

"I could not have done this without Bill," JoAnn said.

"And, I couldn't have done it without Bill," JoAnn added.

More than anything, the Driggers said they want to thank the customers for their support throughout the past 26 years and asked that anyone with special memories of the restaurant stop by some time and share them.

Lewis seeks District 2 seat of C.C. Commission

Jessie M. Lewis announces her plans to run for the District Two seat on the Coffee County Commission. She will be a candidate on the Republican ticket.

Before the death of my late husband, his request was that I be appointed by Gov. Bob Riley to finish his term of one and one half years," Lewis said. "I have enjoyed serving as commissioner in District Two."

Having lived in Coffee County most of her life, Lewis said she is aware of the needs and problems of the county and community.

"I have responded to each need as presented to me, and

with the help of the other leaders, I have accomplished most of the requests," she said.

Lewis graduated from New Brockton High School and worked as a home-maker helping rear two children. She also worked as secretary for two gas firms and managed an a-la-carte line at Zion Chapel, as well as, worked and helped manage Lewis Store for 10 years.

"I am pleased to be a part of the awards our county has received and especially for the better roads and bridges which benefit all of us," she said.

Mrs. Lewis is the mother of two children, Keith Lewis and Maxine Laney. She has four grandchildren - Brett Laney, Kelsie Laney, Marsha Free and Michelle Lewis; and two great-grandchildren - B.J. and Chantlyn Free. She attends New Hope Baptist Church.

"Thank's for your support," she said.

Dowling announces candidacy for District Judge

District Judge John C. Dowling announces his qualification as Democratic candidate for District Judge of Coffee County, Ala.

Dowling is a life long resident of Enterprise, Coffee County, Ala., and a third generation member of his family residing in Coffee County. The Dowlings are owners and operators of Dowling Truck and Tractor Company, which is a business started by his father, Richard W. (Dick) Dowling.

Dowling was educated in the Enterprise City School System and graduated from Enterprise High School in 1965. He later attended and graduated from Auburn University in 1969, majoring in finance and accounting.

Following that, he attended and graduated from The University of Alabama School of Law and received a Doctorate of Jurisprudence from that law school in 1973.

In 1973, Dowling returned to his home in Enterprise, opened a law practice and has been practicing law or involved in the legal field in Enterprise since that time.

Dowling was appointed and served as Special Assistant Attorney General for the State of Alabama in 1977 and 1979 under governors Wallace and James. He also served as Municipal Judge for the City of Enterprise from 1990 through 2003. He was appointed in 2003 to serve as District Judge for Coffee County when District Judge Steve Blair was appointed to serve as Circuit Court Judge.

Dowling feels his experience in the field of law over the past 30 years and his service as a Judge for the past 15 years will ensure the efficient operation of the District Court here in Coffee County.

Dowling acknowledges and thanks the people who have supported him and who continue to support him. He pledges to be fair to all people involved in the court system and to treat all people with respect in carrying out his duties as a District Court Judge.

Area Happenings

THE COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION will meet Thursday, April 1 (TONIGHT), at 7 p.m. at the BOE office in Elba.

A SILENT AUCTION will be held beginning April 1 and ending April 9 at 4 p.m. at South Trust Bank in Elba. There will be artwork, a few antique items, handmade birdhouse, plus other unique items. The proceeds will go to benefit the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

A RELAY FOR LIFE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT will be held Friday and Saturday, April 2 and 3, at the Hawkins-Williams Softball Complex in Elba. The tournament is sponsored by The Peoples Bank of Coffee County, and all proceeds from entry fees and concessions will go to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

THE COFFEE COUNTY PARK will be open Saturdays and Sundays ONLY beginning Saturday, April 3rd.

Riley awards \$5,400 grant to City of Elba

Governor Bob Riley awarded a \$5,400 grant to the City of Elba to purchase a generator that will provide electricity for the police department's radio tower and maintain emergency communications during power outages.

"Law enforcement officers need reliable communications equipment to adequately protect and serve their communities," Riley said. "I support the work of Elba police officers to

improve the protection of residents."

City officials say storms and disasters cause power outages at the tower 10-20 times a year. When the power is down the police department's communication system stops working and the E-911 system in most of Coffee County is affected.

The availability of proper communication to police and other emergency agencies during severe weather will

increase the safety of citizens and emergency workers and save lives.

Riley awarded the grant from funds made available to the state through a program of the U.S. Department of Justice. He has designated the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs to administer the grant. ADECA director John Harrison notified Mayor James Grimes that the grant had been approved.



NEW OWNERSHIP AND EXPANSION...The Elba Chamber of Commerce honored one Elba business with a ribbon cutting ceremony Tuesday morning, March 30. Subway of Elba recently changed ownership, and the business also just completed an expansion project becoming Subway/Pizza Pro of Elba. Tuesday morning, several city and business officials gathered at the business to welcome and congratulate new owner Marty Tarey. Subway/Pizza Pro of Elba is located on Hickman Avenue next to Movie Gallery, and the new pizza business is located inside Subway. As always, the sub sandwiches and pizzas can be made to-order. Those present for the ribbon cutting ceremony included (from left): Kaye Whitworth - executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, Junior Miss Elba Kendall Stinson, Barry Giles, Sam Cooper, Jerice Davis, Ramona Grantham, Future Little Miss Elba Madelyn Kelley, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Doris Matthews, Marty Tarey - owner/operator, Little Miss Elba Emilee Hudson, Jimmy Harrison, Rene Lambert, Miss Elba Lyndsay Lawford, Mary McMillan and Herby McCall.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The news outlets - newspaper, radio and television - are all uptight with the question of "Did the administration in Washington do enough, ignore, mess up, etc., the warnings about 9-11?" With our great 20-20 hindsight, we would vote yes they should have known. However, putting it all in perspective, the picture is a bit different. Apparently there are terrorist warnings around the clock every day. If the government kept us on alarm for every one, the whole bunch would soon be ignored and/or scorned by the general public. Our documentation for this is the many complaints from the public and the news media - over the "yellow/orange alerts" issued since 9-11. When the government issues one of those alerts and then nothing happens - either because it was based on bad information or round-the-clock vigilance by guardian angels prevented the attack - the drums roll and those responsible for issuing the alert are criticized from coast to coast. We also remember the story of Colonel Oliver North being laughed out of a legislative hearing years ago when he characterized Bin Laden as that day's most dangerous terrorist alive. Unfortunately we share the frustrations and do our share of complaining but like those in the news headlines, we don't have a good answer that will guarantee a lifetime of safety for your children, grandchildren and the other good people of this world.

A couple of weeks ago another of our blank brain mistakes made it into this column. While quoting a UA publication about Elba, we mentioned several people the writer quoted including an Elba police officer. However, it was Dalton Francis, not Dalton Farris who was in the Tuscaloosa article. Our apology to Mr. Francis, he deserves better - and of course to all the Farris' in the world, who like the Francis' are real proud of their name and what it represents.

U. S. Senator Richard Shelby said recently that he is running for another term in Washington. That was of little surprise to any listening to him at the time. Going further we would look with amazement at anyone who would actually qualify to run against a man with the humongous war chest Shelby reportedly has already collected for his reelection campaign. There is no doubt the Democratic party would love to have that Senate seat in their column, but they probably concede it ain't gonna happen this year.

Bingo gambling (the video kind) is on the fast track to becoming a reality for those special folks we write about every time this gambling issue comes up. We add to our previous negative comments the fact that a huge majority of our Alabama lawmakers pledged, in writing, during their election campaign to oppose legalized gambling. Yet they wonder why voters question them on "accountability" issues. Oh, we understand now - they are not voting for gambling this year but taking the campaign donations and in the trust of democrat activists, allowing us grunts a chance to vote on the issue.

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Tanner and Kate Hudson, the children of Chris and Destiny Hudson of Elba, found themselves surrounded by flamingos last Thursday afternoon, March 25. The flamingos visited the front lawn of the Hudson household as part of The People's Bank ongoing Relay for Life fundraiser. To schedule a visit from the flamingos contact Melonoe Blair at The Peoples Bank.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Mar. 22, 2004, investigated the following incidents: three for domestic violence, one burglary, three for criminal mischief, one driving under the influence, one sodomy, four for harassment, one reckless endangerment, one domestic dispute, one for trespassing and one theft.

The following arrests were made: one for driving under the influence, two for domestic violence, one for theft of property, one for failure to appear and one for harassment.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for no insurance, two for no tag, seven for speeding, one for running a stop sign, three for driving with a revoked driver's license, one for not wearing a helmet and one for not wearing a seat belt.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, MAR. 22 - Prowler reported at 1035 N. Claxton Ave. (5:51 p.m.). Alarm activated at Ace Hardware (6:09 p.m.).

TUESDAY, MAR. 23 - Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 24 - Routine activity.

THURSDAY, MAR. 25 - River stage - 5.60 feet (6:39 a.m.). Elba Fire Department dispatched to a brush fire at 1529 County Rd. 415 (3:52 p.m.). Alarm activated at 732 Lee St. (5:12 p.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to 7095 County Rd. 410 (5:24 p.m.).

FRIDAY, MAR. 26 - Routine activity.

SATURDAY, MAR. 27 - Prowler reported at 768 Pineade (9:54 p.m.). Prowler reported at 14522 Hwy. 87 S. (10:43 p.m.).

SUNDAY, MAR. 28 - Disturbance (loud noise) reported at Elba Villas on Caroline St. (4:20 p.m.). Disturbance reported at 1225 Farris St. (10:21 p.m.).

Job training recruitment opens for Enterprise Automotive supplier

AIDT is seeking applicants for a training program that will provide production technicians for HS Automotive Alabama Inc.'s new Enterprise manufacturing facility HS Automotive Alabama, Inc., a supplier for Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama, manufactures rubber goods for the automotive and industrial products markets.

Production technicians selected from among successful completers of the AIDT training program will perform refining, weather strip extrusion, weather strip cutting/trimming, hose cutting/trimming, hose fitting/assembly, and testing machine operations.

Applications for training are available Monday, March 29, through Friday, April 9, at the Alabama Career Center at 2021 Boll Weevil Circle in Enterprise. Applicants must complete the

AIDT training application to be considered for enrollment. No resumes will be accepted. Applicants may obtain training applications at Alabama Career Centers throughout the state, however, each applicant's ability to attend training before employment will be considered in selection of candidates for training.

BULLETIN BOARD

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- **SOCIAL SECURITY - REP** - Contributor: 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call ERIC 1-800-772-1213
- **ROTARY CLUB** - Tuesdays at North First. First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
- **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Monday, 6 p.m. City Hall
- **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesdays following 2nd Monday. City Hall
- **ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN** - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
- **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** - every Monday, 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church center on site on W. Davis St. Manager: Garrett Classroom
- **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Monday. Community Room in Farm Center Complex at New Brockton
- **LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center
- **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. - Sept. Office
- **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Tuesday of every month 100 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
- **MASONIC LODGE 170** - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m.
- **BAND BOOSTERS** - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School
- **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER** - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton Farm Center Complex 894-5858
- **COFFEE COUNTY COGN HUNTERS ASSN** - 3rd Sat. 1 p.m. Club House
- **REPUBLICAN WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon. Colony Inn, Enterprise
- **ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - 2nd Thursday at noon, Discoll Hanger at the Airport
- **AARP** - meets every 2nd Tuesday night of the month
- **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - 1st & 3rd Monday 7 p.m. Elba High boys locker room
- **NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB** - every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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Note of Thanks

The Family of
MAUDE MARLER GENTRY

The family of Maude Marler Gentry would like to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who took time to give Our Family a word of encouragement either by a visit, flowers, food, phone call, card, email and above all else your prayers during the loss of our beloved Mother. God has been merciful and strengthening during this time in our lives.

Again, thanks from the heart for your love and caring. May God bless each of you.

Carol, Wayne, Mae, Sarah and Families

Bridal Registry

Melissa Hall & Daniel Ward
Shower: 4/25/04 Wedding: 5/22/04
Laura Crowe & Ben Terrell
Shower: 5/23/04 Wedding: 7/17/04
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Obituaries

ANNIE GLENN PAUL TILLMAN
Mrs. Annie Glenn Paul Tillman, age 88, of Brundidge, Ala., died March 23, 2004 at Troy Health and Rehab.

Funeral services were held March 25, 2004 at Dillard Funeral Home Chapel in Brundidge with Rev. Don Grantham officiating. Burial followed at Chestnut Grove Cemetery with Dillard Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Tillman was preceded in death by her husband, Harper L. Tillman.

Survivors include one son: Edwin H. (Sally) Tillman, Prattville, Ala.; and two grandchildren.

CHARLES HORACE HOLLIS

Mr. Charles Horace Hollis, age 85, of Elba, Ala., died March 29, 2004 at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 31, 2004 at 2 p.m. from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Shelby Earl Smith officiating. Burial followed at the New Tabernacle Church Cemetery in New Brockton, Ala., with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Frankie Hollis; two daughters: Jenny Carmichael and Judy Poss, both of New Brockton; two sons: Warren Hollis, Enterprise, Ala.; Greg Hollis, New Brockton; one sister: Nell Hines, New Brockton; three brothers: Fred Hollis, New Brockton; Don Hollis and Paul Hollis, both of Arton, Ala.; 10 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

LOUISA WILLIAMS HOOKS

Mrs. Louisa Williams Hooks, age 97, died March 20, 2004 at the Enterprise Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held March 27, 2004 at New Jerusalem Church of God in Christ, Enterprise. Burial fol-

lowed at John Chapel Cemetery, Enterprise, with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include three daughters: Grace Thomas-Bridgton, N.J.; Lucille Cole, Daleville, Ala.; Eloise Cannon, Newfield, N.J.; one son: Robert (Lons) Hooks, Enterprise; 16 grandchildren; 60 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

MINNIE MAE NICHOLS
Mrs. Minnie Mae Nichols, age

74, of Lapine, Ala., died March 13, 2004.

Funeral services were held March 19, 2004 at Sixth Avenue Baptist Church in Florida, Ala., with Rev. Earnest Powell officiating. The interment was held at Greenwood Cemetery with Hammond Funeral Homes directing.

Mrs. Nichols was preceded in death by her husband, Earnest Nichols.

Survivors include a special friend, James Anderson; a niece, Linda Purdie of Florida;

Johnny Ray Poole of Toledo, Ohio; John Pete Leige of Las Vegas, Nevada; Harry Leige of Germany.

JOHN JULYN MCCLINDEN
John Julyn McClinden, age 43, died March 15, 2004 at her residence in Enterprise, Ala.

Funeral services were held at Hammond Funeral Home Chapel in Elba on March 20, 2004 with Pastor C. A. Hammond officiating. The interment was held at Mt. Zion Memorial Cemetery in

Enterprise with Hammond Funeral Home directing.

She was preceded in death by her son, Marcus Dewayne McClinden.

Survivors include her parents: Sheddric Turner and Esther Hutcherson Turner of Enterprise; two sons: Nicholas Antonio McClinden and Jimmie Dewayne McClinden, Jr. both of Enterprise; four sisters: Clara (Sgt. Major Larry) Kennedy of Daytona Beach, Florida; Veronica Badger of Enterprise; Melinda (Sgt. Michael) Barker

of Fort Hood, Texas; and Sharon (Johnny) McKenzie of Enterprise; and one brother: Michael Turner of Enterprise.

Pre-need funeral planning now available at Hayes Funeral Home

For details Call 897-2225

IN MEMORY

Our community has been touched by wonderful souls, but the most wonderful girl. Was your friend, our mother, a soul like no other, Mrs. Pearl. When people say they knew our Mom, we know we will see them smile. For she always had a loving way with her stories to beguile.

The lessons we learned when we were young are things we don't recall. But Mom, we know, was always there in the center of it all. She instilled in us the "little" things on which our lives are built: Courage, compassion, laughter and drive, with a sprinkling of guilt.



Pearl Reeves
Oct. 21, 1946 -
March 14, 2004

She was the keeper of the clan, and could tell a picture's story. You know that she was proud of us, and revelled in our glory. She had a way of reaching out that kept us all in touch. She helped enrich so many lives, we'll miss her oh so much.

She always had a happy outlook and passed that on to us. When life dealt her a lousy hand, she did not make a fuss. She'd look it over and then somehow, she'd find its sunny side. What some would call turbulence, she'd call a "bumpy ride".

And when the end was growing near, she tried to stay upbeat. She took her time left with us as a gift that's bitterness. She used the chance to say goodbye and gather family round. To reminisce and make a joyful sound.

Though sad it is to lose her now, she gave us all so much. She wouldn't want to see us cry, but to laugh and joke and such. So dry off your tears, bring out your smile and let your laughter roar. For Mrs. Pearl is now telling her stories beyond heaven's door.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for the comfort, condolences and blessings that have been bestowed upon our family with the loss of our beautiful Mrs. Pearl.

The Reeves Family

FOCUS ON THE ZONE

IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK!

Not Our Civil War

The Spanish Civil War ended on April 1, 1939 after nearly three years of fighting and half a million deaths.

Its start on July 17, 1936 marked the end of Spain's five-year-old democracy while its end marked the start of a fascist dictatorship that lasted until 1975.

The Civil War began when Spain's military leaders and their followers attempted to overthrow the elected socialist government. Calling themselves Nationalists, the rebellious military officers decided to act after the Republican government passed a radical series of economic measures in May 1936. In response, many wealthy Spaniards sent their money out of the country, causing the devaluation of Spanish currency. This triggered rapid inflation, and strikes by workers who saw the buying power of their wages plummet.

Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini supported the Nationalists, and both Germany and Italy delivered troops and airplanes to them. Anticipating World War II, Germany used Spain as a laboratory to perfect devastating new battle tactics. The German Air Force, called the Luftwaffe, used the war to gain experience that proved invaluable during World War II. According to a statement made during

the Nuremberg War Crime trials after World War II, by Hermann Goerring, the Luftwaffe commander, "Spain gave me an opportunity to try out my young air force."

German military planners applied the lessons learned in Spain to create the tactics of "lightning war." First used in September 1939, the lightning helped Hitler's forces defeat Poland in less than three weeks. Its continued use helped them overrun much of Western Europe by the summer of 1940.

On the other side the Soviet Union supported the Republicans, while the governments of other Western European countries, Britain, and the United States remained neutral. Without official support or funding from the government, 2,000 volunteers in the United States joined the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, which fought for the Republican cause in 1937 and 1938. Other countries that formed brigades included Canada, Ireland, and Britain. In total, volunteers came from fifty-five different countries. On the home front, luminaries such as Albert Einstein, Dorothy Parker, Paul Robeson, and Helen Keller raised money with which to purchase medical supplies.

After the Nationalist surrender in 1939, Francisco Franco became Spain's ruler. It is believed that he executed 100,000 Republicans after they surrendered, while another 25,000 died in prison camps. Franco maintained Spain's neutrality during World War II, and continued to rule the country until his death in 1975.

Find out more about the Spanish Civil War and American involvement. Take the Web journey.

Next Week:
Mr. President, I need a job.

Among the members of Britain's International Brigade was author George Orwell, who used his experiences in Spain as the

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About the Spanish Civil War

Developed by Gary Benson, this website is the companion to the book, *Not Our Civil War*, by Gary Benson. It includes a chronology of events, photographs, and primary sources. By using Google and Bing, you can find many more articles and books for further research.

Read his biography at:
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Co-Op Spotlight

by Ayonna Procter



This week's Co-Op Spotlight shines on Tyler Norris.

Tyler, a senior at Elba High, is the 18-year-old son of Pamela Lewis.

He is an employee of Dairy Queen. He has been employed there for five months. Four to five days out of the week Tyler works as a cook there.

While not at school or at work he enjoys listening to music and playing music. As far as after high school, Tyler is undecided.

I'm sure he will succeed at whatever it is he decides to do. Good luck and congratulations on being this week's Co-Op Spotlight.



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Brittany Cooper
& Christy Eubanks

Favorites chosen by Class of 2004

by Katie Driggers

Recently the senior class voted on its class favorites.

The captions voted on were most dependable, most athletic, most school spirited, most likely to succeed, most intellectual, best all around, most talented, friendliest, best dressed and most unpredictable.

Each senior was given a ballot to fill in a name of male and female they thought best suited the category. The results are:

Most Dependable: Colby Capps
Meredith English
Best All-Around: Matthew Curran
Hannah Martin
Most Athletic: Quinton Gavin
Ayonna Procter
Most Talented: Randy Miller
Most School Spirit: Ben Dye

Derrick Thomas
Katie Dyess
Friendliest: Jeremiah Prettyman
Nina West
Most Likely to Succeed: Lance Cross
Mary Katherine Head
Patrick Tyson
Kaci Grantham
Most Intellectual: Alex Allen
Blake Brumton
Most Unpredictable: Bobby Orton
Leanna Sutley

Dates to Remember:

March 22-26 - Spring Break
April 5-16 - Stanford Achievement Tests
April 9 - Good Friday Holiday
April 24 - Jr/Sr Prom
April 27 - Grandparents Day
May 12 - Seniors' Last Day
May 16 - Baccalaureate
May 18 - Graduation

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Varsity cheerleaders named at Elba High

by Mary Katherine Head

On Wednesday, March 3, Friday, March 5th, and Wednesday, March 10th, a cheerleader clinic was held to teach the material that would be used to determine who would be a varsity cheerleader for Elba High School. The tryouts were held in the Elba High School gymnasium on Thursday, March 11th.

13 candidates competed for the honor of being an EHS Varsity Cheerleader. The tryouts began by all of the hopefuls presenting the criterion they would be scored on to the judges as a group.

Then, the real anxiety began as each competitor had to individually perform an entrance and exit, three different jumps (toe touch, herky, and optional), a cheer, and a chant taught the day of tryouts.

After that, each girl was



2004-05 Varsity cheerleaders

judged on two different double stunts, a shoulder-sit and elevator. Everyone was required to be either a flyer or base.

Following that, in groups of two or three, the contenders had to perform a cheer, a dance to Britney Spears' "Toxic", and a pom-pom routine to the "Eye of the Tiger".

Other than the material scored by a panel of three judges, the candidates were also evaluated by their teachers, given a certain amount of points based on their grade point averages, and given a certain amount of points based on their overall clinic participation (timeliness, attitude, etc.). It was determined that all of the girls would be cheerleaders for Elba High School due to their scores being so close.

Congratulations to the following for being chosen to represent EHS as a varsity cheerleader: Mallory Allen, Whitney Anderson, Kristin Barnes, Tori Brooks, Christina Bryant, Brittany Clark, Anna Harrison, Cameron Irwin, Lyndsay Lawford, Lauren McClung, Melanie Mularz, Kendall Stinson, and Shai Yelverton.

EHS Student Spotlight

by Alex Allen

This week's student spotlight is Katie Elizabeth Dyess.

She is the daughter of Dr. Lance K. Dyess and Benita Dyess.

Katie is a member of the Elba High Ambassadors where she serves as the School Events Chairperson. She is a member of Spanish Club, Senior Beta and Mu Alpha Theta.

Katie is both a member of the Elba Concert Band and the Marching Tiger Band. She holds First Chair for Bass Clarinet in the Concert Band and is the Pit Section Leader in the Marching Band.

Katie also is a member of Unique Ministries Youth Group at Wooten Chapel Assembly of



Katie Dyess

God.

She will be graduating this year and has a brother, Caleb, in the eleventh grade.

Congrats, Katie, on being this week's student spotlight.

EES Student of the Week

by Mary Katherine Head

Randall Solomon is this week's EES Student of the Week from the fifth grade. He is the 11-year-old son of James Solomon and Jennifer Hill.

Randall is in Mrs. Jana Curtis' room and while at school he enjoys his PE class.

Randall has one brother and four sisters. Shaquille Solomon, China Solomon, Kristanna Solomon, Tre'Vara, Solomon, and Veronica Solomon. All of Randall's siblings are younger than him, therefore he helps take care of them a lot.

Randall enjoys drawing and playing football and listening to his favorite singer, Alicia Keys. He also enjoys watching his favorite movie, Terminator III, and his favorite television show, Dragon Ball GT.

Randall's favorite food is banana pudding, and when he grows up he wants to be a professional football player for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

When asked how it feels to be student of the week Randall replied, "It feels good, like all of my work and time spent at school has paid off."

Congratulations Randall for being the fifth grade Student of the Week at EES!



Randall Solomon



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ZCES celebrates 100th birthday of Dr. Seuss

Dr. Seuss' 100th birthday occurred in March of 2004 and to honor Dr. Seuss, students at Zion Chapel Elementary began their day by eating green eggs and ham for breakfast.

During the celebration of the "big" birthday students participated in a book sweep, dressed up as their favorite storybook character, and recognized top accelerated readers.

The top accelerated readers are the students in each grade level who have earned the most points through their accelerated reading. Burger King of Enterprise provided some of the prizes that were awarded to the students in the dress-up contest and accelerated readers. Burger King also donated a bookmark for each elementary student.

Guest readers were invited to read in each classroom.

Mrs. Lisa Smith invited her second-grade teacher, Mrs. Wayne Swain, to read to her first graders. At 91 years young, Mrs. Swain could still captivate a young audience.

Other readers were Mr. Jerry Barnes, principal of Zion Chapel, and Mr. Bob Hartwell, assistant principal of Zion



These guest readers entertained the elementary students during the Dr. Seuss birthday celebration.

Chapel. Retired teachers Mrs. Betty Reffegge, Mrs. JoAnne Jones, Mrs. Marsha Oggs, Mrs. Peggy Storey and Mrs. Elizabeth Lindsey were invited to read to the elementary children. Mrs. Annette Gnsword, a Coffee County Board of Education member, came to read. Others who read to the

various classes included Mrs. Rhonda Flowers, elementary counselor, Mr. Tommy Waters, Mr. Derek Snellgrove, Mr. Jason Jones, Mr. Mickey Counts, Mr. Joe Thomas, Mr. Herby McCall, Mr. John Nelson, and Mr. Jerry Allen. Mrs. Bernadette Smith, Kindergarten teacher, entertained students and

teachers with her telling of "Freedom Bird", "Mama Don't Allow", and "Lazy Jack". After the reading hour, all the readers were invited into the elementary library to enjoy a refreshments. Punch, cookies, and other snacks were enjoyed by all.



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Extended-Day students hear comments from guest speakers

Students from grades three through eight at Zion Chapel School are able to take advantage of Extended-Day School.

The goal of the Extended-Day Program is to provide tutorial assistance to students in each core academic area in response to the student's grade placement and instructional strengths and weaknesses. All work in this program is offered so that each student can be more successful in the regular academic program.

Certified teachers and qualified staff are employed to conduct the Extended-Day classes. Classes began on January 22 and will continue throughout the school year except on school holidays. Classes meet each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 3:15 until 4:45.

During a recent week the program for sixth, seventh and eighth graders included a unit called "Where do you see your self in ten years?" To implement this unit guest speakers were asked to come in to talk about their individual careers and to answer any questions they could. Most of the speakers were Zion Chapel graduates who graduated about ten years

ago. The guest speakers, some who came on Tuesday afternoon and some who came on Thursday afternoon, were Brandon Davis, Ben Coale, Jeff Watson, Joe Carnley, Chris Hodge, Chris Green Kirkland, Britley Black Parker, Betsy Coale, Watson, Amber Wilson Carnley and Angie Davis.

To prepare for their guest speakers the students in Extended-Day School were asked to write a brief essay about careers and to come up with five interview questions for the guest speakers.

Senior level FBLA students perform well at regional competition

26 Senior Level Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) members won in 17 competitions at the South Region FBLA Conference recently held at Mary Montgomery High School in

Semmes, Alabama. Semmes is about 20 miles west of Mobile and to reach their destination in time for the 7:45 registration, FBLA members and their chaperones left Zion Chapel at 3:30 a.m. The

group was accompanied by Mrs. Rachel Bryan, sponsor, and three parents, Mrs. Anita Long, Mrs. Hattie White and Mr. Alvin White. The trip ended at 7 p.m. when the group returned to Zion Chapel.

At FLBA Region Conference six finalists are named in all competitions. Each of the six finalists will compete at the State Conference which will be held April 14-15, in Birmingham.

The finalists included Clay Lewis Accounting II, Williams M C C r d y - B u s i n e s s Calculations, Brian Beasley, Business Law, Roy King and Meta Gatlin-Desktop Publishing, Jason Danley, Kim Rayburn, LeighAnne Buhmann, and Amber Henderson Entrepreneurship. Lee Boutwell-Future Business Leader, Rosanna Johnson-Introduction to Business, Stacy Williams-Introduction to Business Communications.

Lindsay Leverett-Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure, Anna Miller-Job Interview, Josh Smith-Marketing, Jason Sanders-Networking, Kristen McLendon, Jeremy Sanders, Melanie Perry, Michael Sneed, Morgan Miley, and Shellie Parrish-Parliamentary Procedure, Lara Lea Beasley, Public Speaking I, Brittany Thompson-Public Speaking II, and Jamie Wise-Technology Concepts.

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These Senior level FBLA students recently competed at the region conference

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Five members of Middle Level FBLA won gold medals for their performance of an officer installation ceremony. Clint Rhodes, Harry White, John Wayne Lambert, Jon Fuller, and Tindol Long memorized and performed an installation ceremony where each of them performed at least two parts. All FBLA members who attend Region of State Conference have to dress in business attire. If they don't they have points deducted from their final score. The Zion Chapel Middle Level members who competed were all dressed in business attire. The boys wore kiki pants, a blue blazer, a shirt and a tie. Tindol, the only girl, wore a business suit.

Competition ends speech project

Sixth graders who take their Language Arts with Mrs. Sharon Sasser recently completed a speech project that ended with a speech competition.

Mrs. Sasser said she began her project by showing a video of past speech winners in her class. She then invited two former students to come to her class to give a speech. One of these students was Senior Brittany Thompson.

The next step was to brainstorm for ideas for topics. They made a list of all the good ideas and then passed around the list for students to choose which idea they wanted for a topic. Students had about five days to get their topic approved. All students were required to participate.

Next came research for the information to include in the speech. They used the Internet, including the Alabama Virtual Library, encyclopedias, and magazines. From start to finish the project took three weeks. Each speech was then given before the class. The speech was timed and during the timing process, students assessed each other for grammatical errors and mispronounced words. During the speeches some teacher suggestions were made.

The criteria for grading included: memorization of speech, creativity of topic, time allowance, listening skills, posture, mechanics and voice.

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12:30 PM—MASTER'S CALL
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New church prepares for Easter Sunday public launch

Covenant Community Church (CCC) announces its public launch on Easter Sunday, April 11. The morning will include a time of fellowship and worship under an open air tent. Families are invited to bring fresh flowers from their yard to help decorate a large cross as a part of the worship experience.

"We think Easter is about celebration," said Matt Gray, pastor of the new congregation. "It just seemed like a wonderful way to allow people to participate in this special service by bringing something from their own home to share with the congregation as a sign of the resurrection of Christ. Every Spring God's creation reminds us that, just like the trees and flowers begin to bud and bloom, we too can become alive again in Christ Jesus."

The church began meeting in February and has involved over 100 people in the last eight weeks. At present, the church gathers on Sunday morning at 9:30 for fellowship and worship. There is a youth gathering on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. Already the church has acquired 25 acres of beautiful property on the south side of Hickman Avenue (2667 Hickman) across from the entrance to Elba City Schools. The former home place of James and Emily Smith is serving as the "church house" at this time.

Plans are underway for an initial building to be started in early Summer. "We are a community fellowship," explains Gray. "While there will always be an important place for denominational churches, a growing segment of our population is placing less importance on any specific identity. This is especially true of young families. CCC is a place where you can come as you are, so to speak. We welcome people of diverse faith backgrounds and beliefs, and we welcome those who are exploring faith for the first time. People are seeking spiritual nurture and they want to be a part of the Kingdom of God, which is larger than any church or group, including our own. Our prayer is that we might help people with their own life struggles and help them connect with the mission of God in our world. Love of God, care for each other, and service to our local community are all very important to us at CCC."

The schedule for Easter Sunday morning includes a Biscuit Breakfast at 9:30 followed by a Worship Service at 10:00. Dress for the service will be casual.

For more information, contact the church office at 897-2288 or 897-8524. The pastoral office for the church is located at 320 Simmons Street in Court Square Centre on the north side of the Elba town square.

AREA meeting set for next week

Alabama's economic future is the focus of the 57th Annual Meeting of the Alabama Rural Electric Association of Cooperatives. An estimated 400 electric cooperative leaders and supporters from across Alabama are expected to attend the 57th Annual Meeting of the Alabama Rural Electric Association of Cooperatives April 7 and 8 at the Montgomery Civic Center and Embassy Suites. The State Representative of the Year will be presented to Alabama Rep. Terry Spicer of Opp, and the State Senator of the Year will be presented to Alabama Sen. Larry Means of Attalla.

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CEC Celebrates 60 Years

You are invited to help CEC celebrate 60 years of dedicated service at the 2004 Annual Meeting



CEC employee Suste Adams shows the grand prize, a 1996 Ford Explorer XL to be given away to one lucky CEC member at the 2004 CEC Annual Membership Meeting on April 1. Other major prizes include a 27-inch color TV, microwave oven, DVD player, electric grill and \$160 cash.

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Annual Lindsey Reunion planned for Saturday, April 3

The annual Lindsey family reunion will be held Saturday April 3, 2004 at the Masonic Lodge on Larkin Rd., Elba.

All friends and relatives are invited attend and bring a basket lunch.

TOWN OF NEW BROCKTON TO HOLD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of New Brockton, Alabama, will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2004, in the Council Chambers at the Town Hall. The purpose of this public hearing is as follows: To inform the public about the FY 2004 CDBG funding cycle, discuss CDBG program parameters, solicit views from interested persons concerning the community development needs in New Brockton, and discuss the Town's proposed FY 2004 CDBG application. All interested citizens and groups representative of persons of low and/or moderate income are invited to attend this public hearing and provide input into the CDBG process. Any handicapped persons requiring special provisions wishing to attend this hearing should notify Ms. Annette Williams, City Clerk, at (334) 894-5283 of any special needs or assistance they may require. Hearing impaired persons who wish to make comments or derive information about the CDBG program may call the Alabama Relay Service at 1-800-548-2546 and request that the call be relayed to (334) 894-5283.

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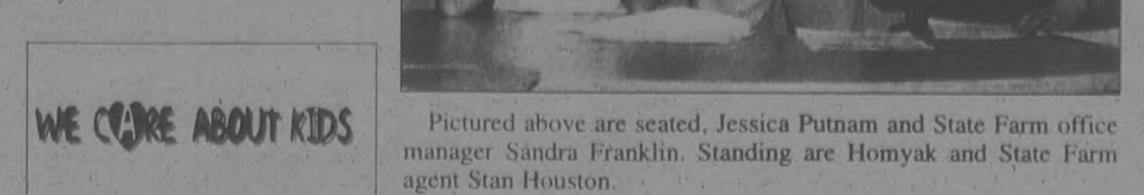
Goodman Baptist Church will have revival on April 4-7. Services will be on Sunday at 11 AM and 6 PM and on Monday thru Wednesday evenings at 7 PM. Rev. James Roberson will be the guest evangelist. The church is located on County Road 625.

How to use your personal computer offered at LBWCC

LBW Community College - MacArthur Campus will offer How to Use Your Personal Computer on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for six weeks. Classes will be held in the Computer Science Department, Room G-1. The class will begin on Tuesday, April 13, 2004 and end on Thursday, May 20, 2004. The cost of the course is \$85.00 per participant. Participants will be charged an additional fee for their textbook. Anyone interested in this course must register before Tuesday, April 13, 2004. For more information or to register please contact Susan Dee at (334) 493-3573, ext. 5360.

Dog Bite Safety skit presented at Elba Elementary School

Dog Bite Safety was the subject of a skit recently presented to Mrs. Jina Benbow's 2nd grade students at Elba Elementary School. The message of the skit was to teach children the do's and don'ts of dog-bite safety. The program is part of an ongoing education effort of State Farm Insurance. The children are taught how to approach dogs that they know and don't know and how to protect themselves in case they are attacked. The importance of Elba Animal Control Officer George Homyak to the community.



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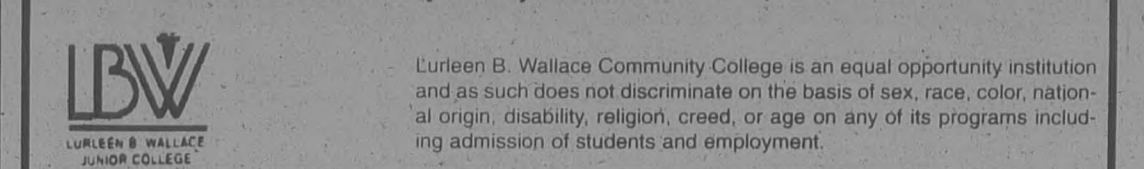
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The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Now that high school softball and recreation league softball are both underway it means that it is time to buy lots of bread and sandwich meat at the Mularz house so that we can eat fast and head out to a game or practice. Dad will try to find time to grill out on the week end, but during the week the girls will have to exist on ham, turkey and bologna, with maybe a banana sandwich thrower for a change of pace. Oh well, at least if we get some paper plates the kitchen should stay clean.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** I have two girls that have always been active in sports and have often had a difference of opinion with their coaches. However, if a problem became big enough I would meet with the coach one-on-one and try to work out matters without getting the girls involved or making a public display of my feelings. Last week the Elba Tigers dropped a double-header in baseball to Zion Chapel and after the games a number of parents chose to stand behind the backstop and yell at the coaches. Most of the parents seemed upset that the players had to run after the games and assumed that the extra running was a punishment for losing the games. The truth was that the running was due to the actions of some of the players on the bench late in the second game, but the parents were convinced otherwise and the displeasure clear for any and all to hear and openly criticized the coaches. I too was a little embarrassed at the outcome of the games, but Elba High fields a baseball team for the students and whether or not a parent supports the coaches they should support the team. At least three players walked off the field and quit while their former teammates ran in the outfield, and one parent literally jumped for joy when told that her son had quit the team. I know some of the parents have problems with the coaches and they are definitely entitled to voice that displeasure. However, for the good of the team and the players next time please hang around and talk with the coaches after everyone else has left. The coaches are grown men and will explain why they do what they do, and as men should be willing to sit and listen to your concerns. When adults have problems they should work out those problems among themselves and not in public for all to see, and hear.

*** The Elba Tigers dropped a double-header to Zion Chapel last week as their record for the season dipped to 3-7. The Tigers played well in both games for about three innings, but once things started going bad in the field the Elba players seemed to lose focus and simply fell apart. Coach Grimes has preached all season long that the Tigers have to play well on defense to win games, and last week Elba simply did not play well in the field and the Rebels took advantage of the mistakes to claim two lopsided wins. I know there are problems on the team in the field, at the plate and in the dugout, but there is still a lot of baseball left this season and the players need to come together and rededicate themselves to being a winning team. The Elba players have all played baseball since they were old enough to walk and know what it takes to win, and now is the time for them to put their differences behind them and come together as a team.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers took the week off for spring break and will get back to work this week with three games as they try to regroup after a 2-7 start. A nagging leg injury to Elba pitcher Stephanie Baxley forced the Lady Tigers to start out of three games, and even though the Lady Tigers lost all three games, they did discover that they have two other pitchers that can get the job done and should be confident that they can play well and win no matter who is on the pitching rubber. Elba's early-season woes have been due in large part to a lack of consistency at the plate and in the field, and maybe after a week off the girls will come back relaxed and hit the ball, play well in the field and regain their confidence. There is a lot of softball left to play and this bunch of girls know they can win.

*** Elba's Dr. Billy Farris is a graduate of the University of Alabama and has always been one of the Crimson Tide's biggest supporters, no matter what the sport. Dr. Farris was a member of the Alabama baseball team back in the late 50s and was on the team for three years before getting into dentistry school and deciding it was more important to hit the books than the fast ball. He remained close to the school after graduation and helped recruit a number of players in various sports, and was happy just to be a grad and a Crimson Tide supporter. Last week Dr. Farris was repaid for his years on the baseball diamond and his dedication to the Alabama athletic family when he was voted into the "A Club," the university's athletic alumni association. All Alabama players that letter in a sport are inducted into the organization, but since "Doc" didn't see a lot of action during his career he never earned a varsity letter and never thought that one day he would be a member of the cherished club. The club meets annually prior to the A Day game in football, and last week over 50 names were presented to the nomination committee for consideration. Only three names were approved, and one of those was Dr. Billy Farris, of Elba. While he has always been a Crimson Tide supporter and never even thought about being a member of the "A Club," last week's honor was one he will never forget, and even though it came 46 years after he played for the Tide, I am sure he will tell you it was worth the wait. Congratulations, Doc!

*** UAB Basketball coach Mike Anderson got a lot of attention last week after the Blazers knocked Kentucky out of the NCAA tournament and was being mentioned as one of the hot young coaches in the nation. I may be wrong, but Coach Anderson's stock had to take a hit later in the week when his team was blasted by Kansas and he was ejected after receiving two technical fouls. A coach's job is to lead his team and make adjustments during a game to give his team a chance to win, not to sit in the locker room while his team plays in the Sweet Sixteen. There is no doubt that Coach Anderson is a very talented young coach with a future in the profession. However, no college administrator wants to hire a coach that is a threat to get ejected from a game, and last week's actions might slow down Anderson's climb up the coaching ladder.

*** Alabama was no match for UConn in the region finals, but the Crimson Tide had quite a run late in the season and should have set the tone for a big season next year when they tip it off again. Back in mid-season Alabama owned a 12-10 record and was 4-7 in the SEC and seemed to be dead in the water. All the Tide did was regroup and go on a run that Bama fans had not seen in many, many years. While the NCAA success did allow Coach Gottfried to get off the hot seat for a while, you can bet if the Tide doesn't come out strong next season fans will be wondering what happened. With four starters back, that should not happen and the Tide should be a contender for a conference title and another long run in the NCAA tournament.

*** In closing... I urge all parents to support their children as they get ready to begin the spring baseball and softball seasons. Often times some parents will drop their kids off at the park and not come back until the games are over, and that is no way to show your child that you care about what he/she is doing. I know it is sometimes a chore to get the kids to practice and sit for a few hours at a game, but they are willing to work hard in practice and compete at games, and they do it to make you proud. Let them know you care by going to the games and lending your support. Please!

**BASEBALL & SOFTBALL SEASONS
BEGIN APRIL 5 IN ELBA**

By Alabama Sports Writers

Kinston's Driver named 2nd team All-State

The Alabama Sports Writers Association announced its 2004 All-State High School Basketball selections over the weekend and named to the second team in Class 1A was Kinston Bulldog standout Jeremy Driver.

Driver, a 6-5, senior, center, averaged 17.5 points, 14.3 rebounds and 3.7 blocked shots per game in leading the Bulldogs to a 15-11 record and a berth in the sub-region finals.

Following is a list of area players receiving honors.

CLASS 6A
Boys:
(HM) Kenton James, Northview (5-11, Sr.)
CLASS 5A
Boys:
Second Team - Curtis Parker, Charles Henderson (6-8, Sr.)
Second Team - Travis Thomas, Abbeville (5-11, Jr.)

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SCHEDULES

** BASEBALL **

Thursday, April 1
Abbeville at Elba (V) 4:00
Zion Chapel at New Brockton (V) 4:30

Saturday, April 3
Zion Chapel at Arnton (V) 1:00

Monday, April 5
Abbeville at Elba (V) 4:00
Zion Chapel at Houston County (V) 5:00

** SOFTBALL **

Thursday, April 1
Elba at Greenville (V) 4:00
Kinston at New Brockton (V) 4:30

Friday, April 2
Pleasant Home at Kinston (JV-V) 4:00

Saturday, April 3
Arnton Tournament

Monday, April 5
Luverne at Brantley (V) 4:00

Tuesday, April 6
Elba at Pleasant Home (V) 5:30
Luverne at Kinston (V) 4:30
Arnton at Brantley (JV-V) 3:30

Thursday, April 8
Elba at Abbeville (V) 4:00

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First Team - Ashley Samuel, T.R. Miller (5-9, Sr.)
Second Team - Zsazquez Plucker, Abbeville (6-1, Sr.)
Second Team - Joy McConery, T. Miller (5-11, So.)
Coach of Year - Darryl Brooks, Abbeville
Player of Year - Ashley Samuel, T.R. Miller
CLASS 2A
Boys:
First Team - Frank Tolbert, Red Level (6-3, Sr.)
(HM) Kyle Wisham, G.W. Long (6-4, Sr.)
Girls:
First Team - Psyche Bess, Samson (5-11, Sr.)
(HM) Larderas Arrington (H Home, 5-8, Jr.)
CLASS 1A
Boys:
Second Team - Jeremy Driver, Kinston (6-5, Sr.)
Girls:
Second Team - Tasha Johnson, Arnton (5-10, Sr.)

Team rosters released for youth baseball and softball teams

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation recently held its player drafts for both the baseball and softball leagues, and following is the complete list of teams and their players.

BASEBALL

Tee-Ball

Coaches: Marsha Free and Brian Free
Jaden Purvis, Dalton Parrish, Benjamin Curtis, Cavosca Stinson, Erick Davis, Shawn Carter, Daniel Richardson, Matthew Morris, Tristen Tindell, Tyler Hobbs, Zachary Cowart, B.J. Free.

Blue Jays

Coaches: Jeff Reed and Michael Reed

Kendrick Jordan, Gavin Caldwell, Remello Jones, Juandarius Reed, Dakota Hoomes, Jeremiah Jordan, Juwan Crawford, Taylor Rodgers, Derel Cooper, Martez Wilkerson, DaQuan Jordan.

Rangers

Coaches: Ross Adkinson, Tanner Herrington, Chase Moseley, Tanner Skinner, Will Brock, Quentin Bryan, Nicholas Johnson, Braxton Robinson, Samuel Fleming, Winston Kelley, Austin Davis, Logan Davis, Aaron Davis.

Machine-Pitch

Coaches: Mike Amison, Jordan Kidd, Justin Pope, Sean Smith, Cory Caldwell, Malik Kelley, Tyler Anderson, Edwards, Sarge Johnson, Chance Wall, Kenneth Neil Amison, Troy Funk, Chance Johnson, Grant Akridge, Michael Parrish, Tyler Bobbit, Justin Kidd.

Cardinals

Coaches: Chris Thigpen, Avery Hanchey, Denzell Thomas, Brian Adkins, Chip Curtis, Christopher Rayborn, Nicholas Green, Dagon Austin, Elijah Yelverton, Jacob Smith, JacQuan Crawford, Noah Sims, Brandon Burdeshaw, John Gray, J. Cole Spicer, David Ardis, Aquante Jones.

Dodgers

Coaches: Greg Bailey, Stone Collins, Logan Bailey, Garrett Smith, Kyson Edwards, Cameron Arnold, Tanner Hubbard, Tyler Faulk, Matthew Marler, Peyton Wilkerson, Ty Stewart, Michael Smith, Ward Branson, Talon Flowers, Cole Goosby.

Dixie Minor

Mets

Coaches: Steve Sauls, Chase Sauls, Ashton Senn, Brian Faust, Jordan McDaniel, Cory Richardson, Brantson Bowers, Jeremy Duncan, Jordan Williams, Seth Hanchey, Hayes Spicer, Nathan Miller, Dona Rogers, Mason Davis, Britt Keishawn White, Stetson Blair.

Giants

Coaches: Rhett McCollough, Bo Wiggins, Hayden Disonell, Martin Henderson, Jason Kelley, Connor Kelley, Brennan

Rebel Walk of Fame project begins

In conjunction with the 100th Anniversary of Zion Chapel School, the Zion Chapel Athletic Club has launched the Rebel Walk of Fame brick paving project.

This is a campus beautification and fundraising project designed to display 100 years of legacy and pride. The support of all Rebels - past and present, faculty, individuals, clubs and businesses - is encouraged. A walkway of the engraved bricks will be located at the entrance of Green Memorial football stadium to honor all participants.

The cost of each brick is \$50 and is tax deductible.

Order forms may be picked up at Zion Chapel High School or ZC Express. Those unable to pick up a form should write a request and return it with payment to: Zion Chapel Athletic Club, P.O. Box 23, Jack, AL 36346.

Dixie Ponytails

Blaze

Coaches: Patrick Dewberry, Selma Dodd, Camery Matthews, Daniqua Horstead, Lantia Tyson, Summer Blackmon, Hannah Morgan, Ciarra Magwood, Aspen Foushee, Haley Bryan, Jessica Orr, J-Kendall Cole.

Dixie Belles

Team rosters not yet complete

Dixie Debs

Team rosters not yet complete

Dixie Youth

A's

Coaches: Wayne Jackson, Janzen Flowers, Sandarius Reed, Jesse Dodd, Kyle Pope, Devin Jackson, Jason Allen, Michael Spurlin, Chance Goosby, Ben Pope, Ryan Pope.

Yankees

Coaches: Mike McKee, Jonathan Farmer, William Hooks, D.J. McKee, Ashton Davis, Dylan Seay, Kevin Allen, Taylor Cotton, Colton Vaughan, Justin Mallory.

Dixie Pre-Majors

Rosters not yet complete

Dixie Majors

Rosters not yet complete

SOFTBALL

Coach-Pitch

Coaches: Toni Dewberry, Magnolia Johnson, Myra Hudson, Paige Weeks, Katlyn Gregg, Ryan Lewis, Travis Martin, Brianna Moore, Christen Norris, Madison Chandler, Ashlee Adkins, Venecia Magwood, Tytianna Carpenter, Sarah Bryan, Reality Kelley, Tyler Anderson, Edwards, Anna Bowers, Paige Dewberry.

Bandits

Coaches: Denise Burks, Carly Caldwell, Audreonna Lindsey, Hailey Parrish, Kira Starks, Ebony Craighead, Jala Smith, Kysyundra Jones, Terria Hammonds, Pharis Person, J. Lyn Cole, A.J. Whitfield, Kelinda Griffin, Shakiva Thomas, Chelsea Spann, Kayla Hopkins.

Dixie Angels

Jammers

Coaches: Kim Bane, Megan Concanan, Jacquetta Whitfield, Karizmah Yelverton, Brianna Jackson, Kayla McWaters, Emily Allen, Silenia Kilcrease, Kei-Auna Edwards, Brittany Compton, Shabria Thomas, Eli Dewberry, Tia Kelley, Molly McGuire, Bethany Wilson, Sarah Bane, Aaliyah Horstead, Mandi Mallory.

SPORTS

Complete season sweep

Rebels rock Tigers 14-2, 12-2

The Elba Tigers hosted their neighbors from Zion Chapel last Tuesday afternoon for a baseball double-header and watched as the Rebels completed a season sweep over the Tigers by posting a pair of lopsided wins by the scores of 14-2 and 12-2.

The losses left Elba with a record of 3-7, while Zion Chapel opened its record to 9-7 with the wins.

"We played good for about three innings in both games and had chances to take control early," stated Elba's Coach Wynn Grimes, "but fell apart in the field late in both games and really let things get out of control."

Zion Chapel came to play and descended to win, but we just didn't give the kind of effort we must give to win games and that was a major disappointment. We have a lot of baseball left ahead and need to regroup and come together as a team if we are going to reach some of the goals we set before the season started. We can win and can play the game. However, we need all nine players on the field playing well at all times and need the players not in the game to stay alert and be ready. It takes a team effort to win and that is what we must have."

Following are highlights of both games:

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ELBA 2

The Elba Tigers carried a 2-1 lead into the fourth inning, only to see Zion Chapel score 13 runs in its final two at-bats as the Rebels ran away and humiliated the Tigers 14-2 in five innings.

The Rebels grabbed an early 1-0 lead in the top of the second on a two-out single by Abe Childs and a pair of Elba errors.

but the Tigers bounced back in the bottom of the frame and scored two runs to take a 2-1 advantage.

Adam Spicer was hit by a pitch and Ryan Gibbs reached on a fielder's choice to ignite the Elba rally, while both runners raced home when Clark Skinner ripped a two-out double down the line in left field.

Elba had a chance to put the Rebels down in order in the fourth, but two errors allowed the Rebels to put runners on base with one out and the Rebels made the Tigers pay as Jason Danley, Jamie Wise and Austin Smith all came through with key hits to spark a five-run outburst as Zion Chapel regained its lead at 6-2.

The Rebels continued to circle the bases in the fifth as Zion Chapel combined five hits with four walks and two Elba errors to plate eight runs and move on top 14-2. Macon Hodge doubled to open the inning for the Rebels and later added a bases-loaded double to spark Zion Chapel to the big inning at the plate, while Abe Childs and Josh Smith also added key hits with two outs.

Elba's Matthew Curran had a two-out single for the Tigers in the bottom of the fifth, but it was the only hit Elba could manage as the Tigers failed to keep the game alive and suffered the 14-2 defeat.

LaRay Williams, Matthew Curran and Clark Skinner all had 1 hit to lead Elba at the plate, while Skinner was tagged with the loss on the mound as he allowed six earned runs on 10 hits and three walks.

Macon Hodge had two doubles, scored 3 runs and knocked in 3 runs to lead Zion Chapel at the plate, while Abe Childs and



ELBA'S ADAM SPICER (16) crosses the plate to pull the Tigers even at 1-1 in second inning action in game one of last week's double-header loss to Zion Chapel.

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** BASEBALL **

Kinston Bulldogs swept by Geneva County

The Kinston Bulldogs traveled to Hartford last week to battle the highly-ranked Geneva County Bulldogs and dropped a double-header by the scores of 15-5 and 8-2. Andrew Sanders got 4 hits and knocked in 3 runs to lead Geneva County to the opening win, while Dustin Herring had 2 hits in the nightcap.

** SOFTBALL **

Kinston Lady Bulldogs sneak past Samson

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs continued their early-season success last week with an exciting 5-4 win over Samson, in Kinston. Kaleigh Sanders got 2 hits and tossed a 5-hitter to help Kinston improve its record to 4-1, while Amber McKinney and Mandy Loupe both added 2 hits.

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REBEL STEALS THIRD...A Zion Chapel baserunner steals third base in last week's double-header sweep over the Elba Tigers. The Tigers will return to action today (Thursday) when they host Abbeville in a key area contest, while the Rebels will travel to battle New Brockton.

Triathlon set May
1st at Ft. Rucker

Entries are now being accepted for the May 1 Tri Man Triathlon at Ft. Rucker, an annual fund-raiser for Army Emergency Relief. The event also includes a Duathlon for non-swimmers.

In brief, the Triathlon includes a 1-kilometer swim, a 30-kilometer (18.6-mile) bike race and 10-kilometer (6.2-mile) run. The Duathlon requires a 2-mile run, 10-k bike race and a second run of 10 kilometers (6.2 miles).

Advance entries are \$30 for individuals, \$65 for two-person teams. The first 100 entrants in each event receive a commemorative T-shirt on race day.

To enter call (334) 255-9133.



LADY TIGER ASSISTANT COACH DAVID COLLINS, talks with his team during a time-out in recent softball action. The Lady Tigers will travel to Greenville today (Thursday) for a 4 PM game. (Photo compliments of John Wallace - Andalusia Star/News)

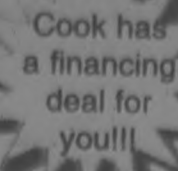
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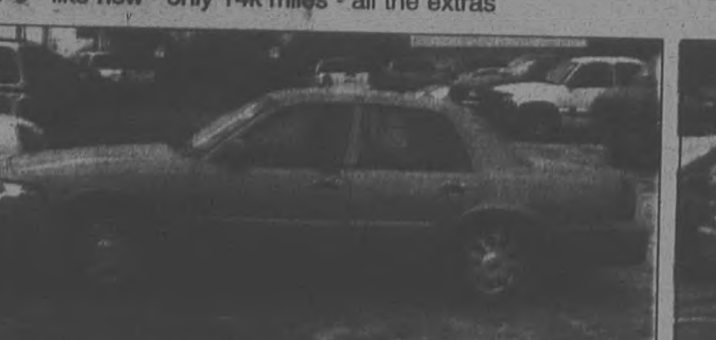
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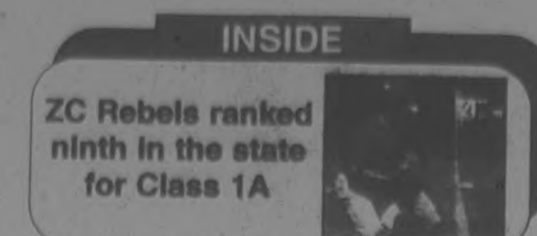
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County BOE holds routine meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Members of the Coffee County Board of Education gathered last Thursday evening, April 1, for the regular monthly meeting of the board and found matters to be rather routine.

On a positive note, Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram encouraged board members to visit the Zion Chapel campus site.

She said the paving project for the parking lot has been completed, and the construction crew has Friday, April 9, slated for completing the striping work. The superintendent said this will be a good time to finish the job as school will be out in observance of the Good Friday holiday.

Ingram said she is thrilled the project is almost at its end, and everything looks really good.

In regards to the roof at New Brockton High School for the vocational building, Ingram said she met with the contractor following the March board meeting, and after going on top of the building, she said it was discovered there is no use in planning to repair only part of the roof.

She said the roof has been patched several times, and there are bubbles in several places. Also, there is some rotting of wood on the roof on the building, and building codes will not allow more layers.

"This project is much worse than I anticipated," Ingram said. "It's one of those jobs that to protect the integrity of the building, we must do something."

Ingram said she will continue to research the situation and look for the best solution to the problem.

Bragg has spent more than 25 years in the Pike County School System, and leaves with appreciation, good will and a "job well done" from his colleagues.

He is in a partnership in business with his father, Jessie Fuller where they own and operate Fuller Brothers Garage and Grocery, an established business in Elba for over 40 years.

He feels his business experience in working with the public will help him better serve all the people of District 1 in his best interest.

If elected, Larry pledges to serve all the people of District 1

and the Coffee County Commission to the best of his ability. He also pledges to always be readily available by telephone, email, or in person to talk to the people of District 1 about any concerns they may have or any suggestions they would like to make.

Larry asks for your support of his candidacy for the District 1 seat of the Coffee County Commission on June 1 and would like to thank everyone in advance.

Local attorney, Shannon Clark, announces her qualification as a Republican candidate for the District Judge of Coffee County in the June 1 Primary Election. The District Court comprises the Elba and Enterprise Divisions and has general jurisdiction over matters involving Juveniles, Misdemeanor Criminal and Traffic offenses, child support collections, and civil matters not exceeding \$10,000.

A lifelong resident of New Brockton, Clark began her legal career in 1997 as an intern with the Office of the District Attorney. Though a 3rd year law student at the time, Clark was granted special permission by the Alabama State Bar to practice law with the District Attorney's office because of her academic performance and the recommendations of her law professors. As an intern prosecutor, she represented the State of Alabama in Child Support collections, District criminal matters, and Juvenile cases.

After graduating from law school Magna Cum Laude, Clark opened a practice in Enterprise where she represents the citizens of Coffee County in the District, Circuit and Appellate Courts of Alabama. In her practice, Clark handles a

variety of cases but focuses primarily on Family and Juvenile matters, District Civil cases, criminal defense, and matters of Probate.

Hollingsworth, Jr., went on to earn his master of science degree in only one year and enrolled in the University of Alabama School of Law where he was elected to the Student Senate and named the Who's Who of American Law School Students.

Following law school, Hollingsworth, Jr., joined his father in private law practice forming the law firm of Hollingsworth & Attorneys at Law.

In 2003, Hollingsworth, Jr. returned to his alma mater as an adjunct professor to teach Constitutional Law and Evidence in the Troy State University undergraduate program.

Since entering into the practice of law, Hollingsworth, Jr. has zealously represented clients of all ages, races, and economic circumstances throughout the spectrum of legal issues that exist in society today.

Hollingsworth, Jr. has argued complex legal issues in the Federal Courts of the Middle District of Alabama and tried numerous cases in the criminal and civil Circuit Courts

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Board member Danny Jernigan said the superintendent is doing a good job of research, and he appreciates the options she is presenting.

In other business, the board granted Ingram permission to seek bids for domestic duplicating paper which will be used in the office and at the schools for the 2004-05 school term.

* Adopted the school calendar for the 2004-05 school year.

* Approved the textbook committee upon the recommendation of Ingram.

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